

2000

Get Involved
in Your Northwest
Neighborhood

Neighborhood Plan Implementation

April 2001



Dear Community Member:

In 1999, the City Council finished the approval process for 38 neighborhood plans created by nearly 20,000 citizens. The plans identify actions needed to ensure that each neighborhood will continue to thrive and improve as Seattle grows over the next 20 years in ways that meet our commitments under the State's Growth Management Act. We are happy to report that the process of making these plans a reality is well underway.

1. The community is leading much of the activity with the help of the City's Neighborhood Matching Fund. The Fund has been tripled to \$4.5 million over the past three years. Matching the City's contribution with donated cash and volunteer labor, the community is now completing about 250 neighborhood improvement projects each year.
2. Seattle's voters have committed major funding to carry out key portions of the plans through three ballot measures. A 1998 bond measure is resulting in 27 new, expanded, or renovated branch libraries and a new Downtown library; a 1999 levy will develop 11 new or expanded community centers; and last November's levy will produce over 100 park projects throughout Seattle.
3. Most of the work, though, will result from the City's new way of doing business: a decentralization to organize the work of City government around neighborhood priorities as defined by the neighborhoods themselves. Seattle has been divided into six sectors as shown on the map to the right.

Decentralization makes it easier for departments to work together and with the community. These things combined are converting neighborhood plans into real neighborhood improvements. Action on more than 1,000 plan recommendations is already underway or completed: new public facilities, parks, and community gardens; street repair; public safety and traffic improvements; design guidelines; art projects; and much more.

While this report focuses on what's being done to fulfill the neighborhood plans in your sector, other kinds of improvements are also occurring in your sector and throughout Seattle. The report lists community and City contact people for key projects in the hope that you will want to join in making your neighborhood the best possible place to live, work, and play.

Sincerely,

Paul Schell
Mayor of Seattle

Richard Conlin, Seattle City Council
Neighborhoods, Sustainability and
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Northwest

- Ballard/Interbay/Northend
Manufacturing & Industrial
Center (BINMIC)
- Crown Hill/Ballard
- Fremont
- Wallingford
- Green Lake
- Greenwood/Phinney
- Aurora/Lidton
- Broadview/Bitter Lake/
Haller Lake



Greenwood Park

Northwest Sector

Projects Completed

Community Design

1. **Community Design Guidelines** — Design guidelines for Green Lake and Wallingford were completed; they are slated for City Council review in 2001.

Transportation

2. **Street Edge Alternatives (SEA Streets)** — A Seattle Public Utilities demonstration project on 2nd Avenue NW, from NW 117th to 120th Street, includes alternative drainage, sidewalk, and landscaping treatments for residential streets.



SEA Streets

3. **Alternative Sidewalks** — SeaTran has installed sidewalks on North 87th Street, east of Phinney Avenue North, that have a stamped colored asphalt finish that simulates brick paving; this project will test this alternative to standard concrete sidewalk construction.
4. **NW 45th Street Re-Paving** — SeaTran and Seattle Public Utilities collaborated on drainage and re-paving improvements along NW 45th Street, from 11th to 14th Avenue NW, that are intended to provide better road conditions, improve safety, and accommodate the Ballard Terminal Railroad Company.
5. **North 55th/56th Street Master Plan** — A Green Lake neighborhood group completed a master plan to calm traffic and improve pedestrian safety.
6. **Fremont Traffic Circulation Study** — A downtown Fremont traffic circulation plan was completed to improve local traffic conditions and preserve the character of residential streets.
7. **Residential Parking Zone (RPZ)** — Aurora/Licton neighbors worked with North Seattle Community College and SeaTran to establish an RPZ to reduce college student parking impacts along adjacent residential streets.

Public Safety

8. **Pedestrian Lighting Demonstration Project** — The surrounding neighborhood helped select the pedestrian light

standard for Linden Avenue North from North 130th to 145th Street. Seattle City Light installed the preferred lighting adjacent to the Bitter Lake Community Center to enhance pedestrian safety.

Parks, Arts, and Culture

9. **Kiosk Project** — Seattle Parks and Recreation installed a kiosk readerboard at Licton Springs Park, which provides a convenient, central location to post community events.
10. **Crown Hill Glenn Natural Area** — Awards from the Neighborhood Matching Fund, the Washington State Department of Natural Resources, and private donations were used to design and construct a natural park at 19th Avenue NW & NW 89th Street.
11. **Gilman Park** — Seattle Parks and Recreation installed new fencing and completed other maintenance projects at the park.
12. **Wallingford Playfield** — Seattle Parks and Recreation has completed irrigation and drainage work at the playfield prior to its spring 2001 re-opening.
13. **North Seattle Park** — Conceptual plans were developed for the park area at North 105th Street & Northgate Way: the design will include new pathways and landscaping, maintenance and improvement of the existing disc golf course, and, possibly, a sculpture garden. Pro Parks Levy funds will be used for park construction.

Community Building

14. **Northwest Sector Event** — In June 2000 a major community event brought together representatives from all eight neighborhood planning areas to share ideas, learn about innovative programs and project resources, improve volunteer efforts, and promote cross-neighborhood networking.
15. **Community Web Sites** — Web sites were created for the Wallingford and Licton Springs neighborhoods and the Greenwood Park Project, providing information about projects, volunteers, and fundraising and helping link nearby neighborhoods.

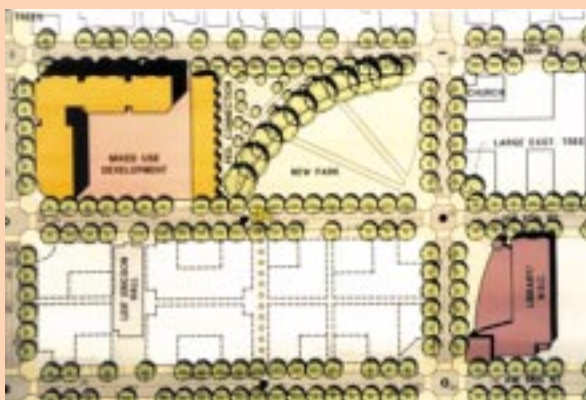


Heart of Phinney

Projects in Progress

Parks and Open Space

1. **Carkeek Park Improvements** — Planning and design is underway to assess and improve the existing trail system and facilitate restoration of the creek and adjoining habitat areas.
2. **Ballard Municipal Center Park Acquisition** — Plans are underway to create a major park in the heart of downtown Ballard, on land recently acquired by the City as part of the Ballard Municipal Center Master Plan.
3. **Greenwood Park** — After acquiring the site in November 1999, the community completed a conceptual plan for a new 2.2-acre neighborhood park that includes a children's play area, earth



Ballard Municipal Center Plan

mounds, and pathways. Seattle Parks and Recreation completed environmental cleanup and temporary landscaping of the site. A large Neighborhood Matching Fund award and private donations will be used to draft construction documents and start the first phase of park construction. Pro Parks Levy funds will be used to complete planned park improvements.

4. **Wallingford Playfield** — A plan is underway to redesign and restore the Wallingford Playfield with a new children's play area, landscaping, and pathways.



Wallingford Steps

5. **Wallingford Steps Development** — The final stage of design to convert an overgrown street end on Wallingford Avenue North to an attractive pedestrian connection to Gas Works Park is underway; efforts are continuing to complete construction drawings and create a Step Arts Plan, with the assistance of two private developers. The Pro Parks Levy includes funding to help complete construction of the Steps.

Community Design

6. **Ballard Municipal Center Master Plan** — The Ballard Civic Center Master Plan, which includes a public park, library, Neighborhood Service Center, and street and sidewalk improvements, was completed; the City is poised to initiate library siting and design, and adopt sidewalk and street standards.

Transportation and Pedestrian Enhancements

7. **Greenwood Main Street Master Plan** — Funding has been allocated to develop a street master plan that focuses on Greenwood Avenue North, from NW 65th to 92nd Streets, and implement elements such as a neighborhood signage system, pedestrian lighting, and gateways.
8. **Fremont Parking Plan** — Funding was allocated for a plan to improve the parking conditions in downtown Fremont.
9. **Linden Avenue Street Design** — SeaTran completed a street improvement plan for Linden Avenue, from North 130th to 145th Street, that includes gateway entries, improved sidewalks, pedestrian amenities, and a bike lane; funding has been allocated to begin implementing sidewalk and street improvements.
10. **15th Avenue Street Improvement Project** — SeaTran is working with the Ballard and Ballard/Interbay/Northend Manufacturing and Industrial Center communities on a \$4.6 million project to improve safety and mobility for transit, truck, car, and pedestrian movement along the 15th Avenue corridor.
11. **Green Lake Streetscape Improvements** — The Department of Neighborhoods is working with private development project representatives to help implement community streetscape plans and pedestrian corridor recommendations along North 55th Street and Woodlawn Avenue North.
12. **Heart of Phinney** — SeaTran is proceeding with final design for a large triangle near the Phinney Neighborhood Center; the asphalt will be replaced with landscaping in 2001.

Arts and Culture

13. **Licton Springs Historical Project** — Consultants were hired to research the rich history of Licton Springs and to design and print a historical brochure.
14. **Green Lake Carnegie Library** — Renovation of the existing library is beginning with completion of a building survey and final feasibility report to scope architectural services and cost estimates. Actual design will begin in 2001.
15. **Greenwood Library** — The Library Board has selected the McDonald's site as the location for the new neighborhood library, has selected the architectural firm, and is working with a community committee to design the facility.
16. **Ballard Library** — Acquisition of the new library site is proceeding and the architect has been selected. The new library will be co-located with a new Ballard Neighborhood Service Center to better serve the community.

If you want to get involved in a Northwest Sector project



Pedestrian Safety Lights at Linden Avenue NW

Contact Information

	Phone Number
Fleets and Facilities/Ballard Municipal Center Master Plan, Joan Rosenstock	684-8541
Heart of Phinney, Mary Pfender	684-8052
North Seattle Park, Karen Galt	386-4006
Seattle City Council/Northwest Steward, Hon. Judy Nicastro	684-8806
Seattle Parks and Recreation/Wallingford Steps, Tim Motzer	684-7060
Seattle Parks and Recreation/Pro Parks Levy, Alix Ogden	684-7046
Seattle Public Libraries/Libraries for All (Ballard), David Kurselman	386-4096
Seattle Public Libraries/Libraries for All (Greenwood), Douglas Bailey	386-4173
Seattle Public Libraries/Libraries for All (Greenlake), Sue Partridge	615-1329
SeaTran/Alternative Sidewalks/Stamped Colored Asphalt, Shauna Walgren	684-8681
SeaTran/15 th Avenue West Project, George Frost	615-0786
Seattle Public Utilities/Street Edge Alternative (SEA) Streets, John Arneson	684-8921

Department of Neighborhoods

Historic Preservation, Michael Benson	684-0215
Linden Avenue Street Design, Cliff Louie	684-0209
Neighborhood Matching Fund, Laurie Ames	684-0320
P-Patch Program, Wendy McClure	684-0264 ext. 4
Ballard Neighborhood Service Center, Rob Mattson	684-4060
Fremont Neighborhood Service Center, Steve Louie	684-4054
Greenwood Neighborhood Service Center, Beth Pflug	684-4096

Northwest Community Web Sites

Licton Springs Community Council	www.lictonsprings.org
Friends of Greenwood Park	www.greenwood-park.org
Weaving Wallingford	www.wallingford.org

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Future Projects

Pro Parks Levy Projects

1. Bitter Lake Reservoir Open Space Development — Public open space and amenities at Bitter Lake Reservoir will be developed in the land gained once reservoir fences are moved in.
2. Ballard Municipal Center Park Development — Once the City's acquisition negotiations are completed, a new park will be developed in the Ballard commercial core.
3. Bergen Place Improvements — The park design will be updated and improvements constructed.
4. Crown Hill Open Space — Public open space and playfield improvements are planned at Crown Hill School, located at 14th Avenue NW & NW 92nd Street.
5. Ross Park Shelter House Improvements — Renovation of the shelter facility is planned to increase community use of Ross Park.
6. Gas Works Park Improvements — Planned improvements at Gas Works Park include a connection to the Wallingford Steps at the park's northwest corner.

7. Burke Gilman Trail — A bike trail link from Seaview to Golden Gardens is funded.
8. Loyal Heights Playfield Improvements — Levy funds will be used to upgrade the playfield.
9. Green Lake Open Space — Project includes acquisition and development funding for property at the northwest corner of NW 67th Street & Linden Avenue North as open space.
10. Green Lake Park Improvements — Funding is available for a gathering area and passive park improvements around Green Lake Community Center.
11. Golden Gardens Bathhouse Renovation — Project includes renovation funding for the Bathhouse facility.
12. Ballard Park Acquisition — Funding is targeted at acquisition of Seattle City Light's Monroe Substation (NW 65th Street, near 14th Avenue NW) for park use.
13. Fremont Park — Project will develop Parks-owned property west of the Fremont branch library as a neighborhood park.
14. Whittier Substation Acquisition and Development — Project will acquire and develop a neighborhood open space at the Seattle City Light Substation site at 7605 6th Avenue NW.

